

650 McGill doctors strike tomorrow

by Peter Kuitenbrouwer
for Canadian University Press

Six hundred and fifty McGill medical residents and interns will walk out for one day tomorrow, disrupting patient care in seven Montréal hospitals.

They plan to start an unlimited strike a week from today.

The doctors are protesting 70-hour work weeks and the refusal of the government to negotiate with them. They will be joined in the walkout by 1,150 residents and interns from three other universities.

The residents and interns get the second-lowest wages in Canada, and have been without a contract since 1982.

Dr. Leo Plouffe, a fifth-year McGill resident and education vice-president for the Québec federation of interns and residents, said the fight is not for higher pay or a shorter work-week. "We want the government to submit to binding arbitration: we give the arbitrator our demands, they give theirs and the arbitrator's settlement is binding."

In 1980 they struck for five weeks before getting their last contract.

The strikers are mainly residents doing three to six years in a hospital in order to become specialists. But the Québec government, which wants less specialist doctors, has reduced the number of residents from 2,200 to 1,800 since 1976.

Meanwhile the hospitals have as many patients as before, because surgery and intensive care have not decreased, Plouffe said.

A Québec Hospitals Association spokesperson, speaking before the walkout occurred, said it would slow down patient care and blood transfusions, but that hospitals were preparing by limiting the number of

patients admitted.

The students also want a clause in their contract "making sure working conditions do not interfere with the educational value" of working in the hospitals but the four universities involved have refused to support this demand.

Jacques Nadon, the chief negotiator for Québec's Ministry of Social Affairs, was unavailable for comment.

After medical school, interns train for one year to become general practitioners, earning \$21,615 a year — the second-lowest rate in Canada.

Residents train from three to six years and earn up to \$32,054. The top rate for a fifth-year resident in Québec is the lowest in Canada.

Blassergate: 'doctored' Dentistry tapes vanish

by Catherine Bainbridge

Tapes of Judith Blasser's 1982 hearing in front of the Faculty of Dentistry were "accidentally" erased in several places.

Two weeks ago, these tapes, held by the administration, mysteriously disappeared.

In a taped confidential hearing on September 14, 1982, Blasser's appeal for reinstatement into her final year of dentistry was refused by the faculty.

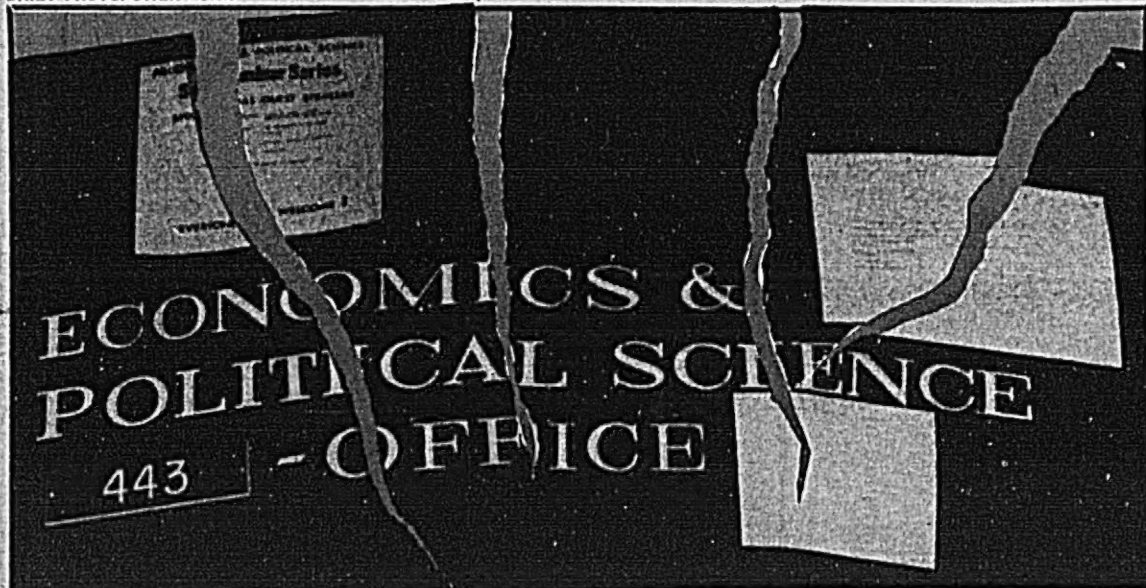
The McGill Senate later overruled the faculty's decision, claiming the Dentistry faculty had proceeded inappropriately

in an attempt to fail Blasser.

Before the Senate decision, repeated attempts by Blasser's advisor to get the tapes were thwarted by Dean of Dentistry Dr. K.C. Bentley. When the tapes emerged, they were partially erased.

The faculty had an explanation. continued on page 12

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McGill no place for Canadians, professor discovers

by Brendan Weston

Daily: Last summer did you declare to the Québec Immigration Office that the only qualified economist known to the University was a non-Canadian?

Dean Maxwell: I'm sorry, I do not recognize the statement you are making. I cannot speak about any personal matters.

Controversy continues to engulf the Administration's handling of the Economics Department, which has been under the trusteeship of Arts Dean Michael Maxwell since last October.

Québec Immigration Director of Manpower, Jean-Paul Normand, confirmed that Dean Maxwell informed him that the only known candidate qualified for a junior economist position at McGill was a non-Canadian.

Prior to Maxwell's declaration to the Department of Immigration, the Economics Department had affirmed that Professor Satyadev Gupta, a Canadian citizen, was a qualified and acceptable second

choice to the non-resident, Professor Barry Ma.

The Department did not know Professor Ma was ineligible for the position under federal and provincial immigration laws at the time.

The Dean insists he merely "supported the recommendation of then-Chairman Professor Irving Brecher" to the provincial immigration ministry. Brecher, who was granted early retirement and is now out of the country, did not pass any information on the incident to the department or its new chair.

The decision to avoid offering Gupta the position is seen by many Economics professors as an outcome of faction politics within the department. Quipped Professor Jack Weldon: "he

was seen eating lunch with us 'dissidents' and his reputation suffered."

Although Dean Maxwell insists Gupta's appointment for a second position has not been ruled out, Gupta has yet to receive any indication his appointment will be renewed.

Professor Gupta received his PhD in 1979 and has twelve years teaching experience. Professor Ma has yet to receive his PhD, or even submit his thesis.

While Professor Ma's qualifications are not at issue in the immigration dispute, all students in his graduate econometrics course last semester dropped the course in protest of his inexperience. Professor Ma declined to make any comment to the *Daily*.

Inside Romania

Smashing the cultural mosaic

by Adam Quastel

On November 7, 1982, at 9:00 am, the Romanian Political Police raided Lorand Kertecz's home. He, his mother, brother and brother's wife were taken away for questioning, and subsequently accused of Fascism, providing Chauvinistic Propaganda, and for Treason against the Romanian Government.

Kertecz's brother was eventually expelled from Romania while Kertecz was able to emigrate to Canada where, in Montréal he told the *Daily* the little known story of the Romanian Government's systematic destruction of the Hungarian culture in Romanian.

Today, Kertecz's native city is called Oradea, and is situated about four kilometres from the present border between Hungary and Romania. Until recently, and for a thousand years before that, Oradea was known as Nagyvárad; it's name was changed from the original Hungarian to the present Romanian as part of the Romanian Naturalization Program Nicolae Ceausescu's government is realizing within the political borders of the Romanian state.

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Chomsky: On Language and Politics

by Daniel Bell

Before the study break, McGill buzzed with news of the visit of one of this century's towering intellectual figures, Noam Chomsky. A linguist and radical political analyst from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Chomsky has lived to see his theories of language widely accepted while his political writings have been suppressed and ignored by mainstream culture.

Chomsky On Language

Chomsky is now widely recognized for creating the new discipline of generative grammar. While some reactionary linguists still adhere to the behaviorist notion that humans learn language like a rat learns how to run through a maze, few "serious people," as Chomsky would say, work within the old paradigm. Rather, Chomsky has conclusively demonstrated that language is free, unbounded, biologically endowed, and distinctively human.

Thus, when Chomsky lectured February 12 on 'Changing Perspectives on Knowledge and Use of Language', it was like hearing Freud speak on psychoanalysis or Einstein on physics. Hundreds packed the McIntyre Medical Building amphitheatre, including many students and most of the professors from the faculties of Linguistics, Philosophy, and Psychology.

Chomsky began his lecture by reviewing Plato nativist thesis and Descartes' principle of the "creative aspect of language use," which he said were his intellectual antecedents. Plato posited the problem of how someone can have pre-existing knowledge of geometry without being taught; Descartes claimed language, a distinctively human faculty, is free and unbounded.

These views were supplanted with the notion that language is learned solely from experience, and the mid-20th century behaviorist thesis that language is merely "a habit system that is acquired by overlearning, training, and induction, and is put to use the way riding a bike is."

Chomsky said "attention to even the most elementary facts show these answers cannot be correct. Children learn

language effortlessly and error-free, and they can produce new sentences that are meaningful and understood without the slightest bit of effort.

"As well," said Chomsky, "how can you learn by analogy and experience if the same sentence can have a radically different interpretation depending on the context? People know all these things without any training."

Chomsky created generative grammar in the 1950's, dealing a fatal blow to the behaviorist thesis. The new picture emerged of language as "biologically endowed, rule-guided behavior that is identical across the species and which is distinctively human." This shift in focus was far-reaching, as it placed the emphasis on the rules of language, rather than the raw data of language.

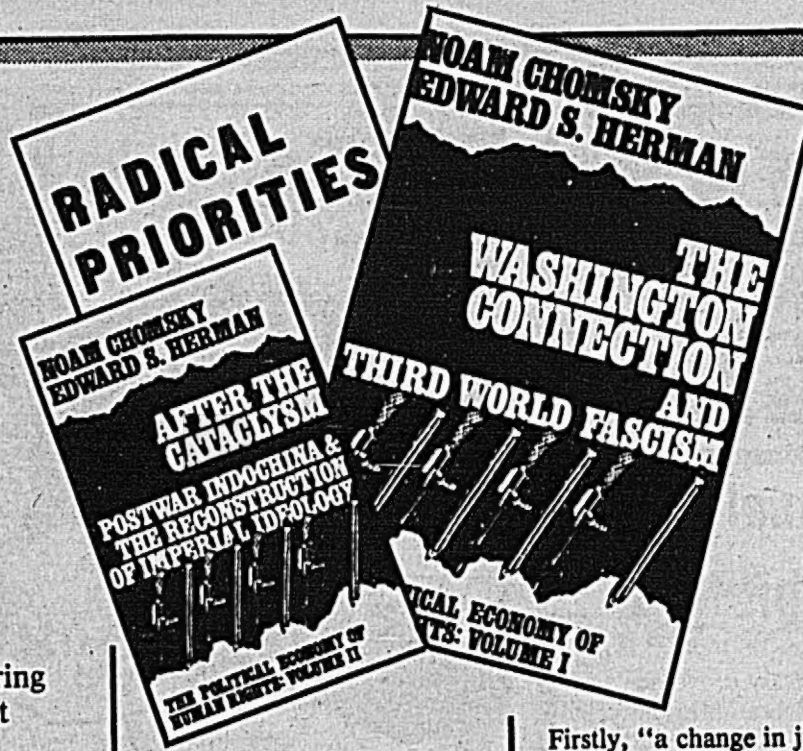
His theory was not initially recognised as legitimate, Chomsky explained: "Some people describe it as a theory that's to be accepted or rejected. That's like asking if you are 'for' or 'against' chemistry."

However, there has been a new shift in focus in the past four or five years "with the realisation that people use very complicated rules rather than simple ones." The new focus "factors out some general properties from the complex rules, such that we believe that language is essentially rule-free — there are just abstract principles of computations which have parameters to be fixed. These parameters are like switches that are turned on or off on the basis of very simple evidence, such as whether or not an object comes at the end of a sentence in a particular language."

Chomsky used an analogy to explain this new view of language: "When you push

the accelerator of a car, the car runs, with complicated processes going on in between. You can throw learning out the window, unless you want to say that a car runs because you push on the accelerator."

Some of the implications of the notion that knowledge of language is the "switching of parameters, with the mind doing precise digital-style computations of some complexity in a quasi-deductive manner" were then explained.



Firstly, "a change in just one switch will lead to very different phenomenal consequences, just as a slight change in a cell will lead to very different organisms with the same basic chemistry."

Secondly, "since languages differ only by the setting of parameters, there are only a finite number of possible languages, as there are a finite number of parameters. This is different from a rule system view of language, where you can have an infinite number of rules with an infinite number of

languages."

Chomsky concluded "the computational structure view makes it extremely difficult to find good results."

A good result, in this view, is "simply a rule which accounts for a given output in a language, but now you have to show how the phenomena followed by fixed principles set by various parameters."

However, he added, "some results are nevertheless being gotten on the basis of general principles that allow for parametric variations that can lead to various languages."

Chomsky On Politics

Chomsky has written extensively on contemporary political issues, and his views appeal to anyone who thinks "we live in the age of Orwell."

Not surprisingly, his devastating critiques of U.S. imperialism are better received in Europe than in the U.S., home of "freedom and liberty."

His now classic 1979 two volume set *The Political Economy of Human Rights* was not reviewed by any major U.S. publications. When I pointed this out to a group of

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Bio. 200 strikes terror in the heart of science students

by Anna Asimakopulos and Steve Watts

You may find yourself in class with 700 other students.

You may ask yourself: how did I get here?

You may say to yourself... "My God, what have I done?"

It's a jolt for any first-year McGill science student to walk into Biology 200 for the first time.

Each year, there are approximately 700 students who take Biology 200. Many students say they feel lost and alienated in a class that size. This impersonal atmosphere comes as a shock to many.

Students often find themselves alienated amongst hundreds of strangers; they feel they will fail before they start. Rumours of the high failure rate cause a paralysis among students. The resultant apathy, as well as potentially impossible exams, leads many students, who otherwise might cope, to fail. These adverse conditions also lead to increased competitiveness.

Despite the drawbacks, Professor Southin, who teaches Biology 200, prefers the large class size. "In a small class, I'm like a dynamo discharging in the

wrong conductor," he says. Southin admits, however, that students may feel alienated by the large size of the class.

A number of students admitted to Biology 200 are inadequately prepared to deal with the course because of low admission standards, says one Biology professor who wished to remain anonymous: "There is a high failure rate because of the poor quality of students."

Last year, all students enrolled in the nursing programme failed Biology 200, a required course for their degree. In order to circumvent this glaring problem, a special biology course was created for them.

Another reason for the high failure rate is that a lot of the students are unprepared to cope with the demands of the course.

"A lot of students frighten themselves long before they get into the course," says

Southin. "They spend too much time talking about how hard it is, and not enough time studying for it."

Southin also claims many students do poorly because they do not take advantage of the conference leaders and the tapes of the lectures available in the library. Southin says he encourages students to phone him any time with any course-related questions, but few students take the initiative.

The root of Biology 200's problems, however, is the large size of the class.

But, according to Southin, sectioning this course is out of the question. He says there is not the (wo)manpower or resources available to make this possible.

Large classes are a direct result of insufficient staff and resources. There just aren't the resources available to create smaller classes.

Because of the class size, multiple choice exams are used. Multiple choice exams are the least expensive of any grading method, as computer grading cuts the expense of hiring Teaching Assistants. Southin says any alternative method would exceed the resources available to the department.

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DAILY COMMENT

Women's Centennial: what are we celebrating?

This year is the one hundredth anniversary of women's admission to McGill. There have been celebrations galore, all under the auspices of the Women's Centennial Committee.

I have nothing against the celebration of this event, after all it is supposed to be a momentous occasion. However, at points I would agree with Mary Daly's statement, uttered in wholly sarcastic tones: "Aren't you (women of McGill) honoured that they (male administrators in 1884) let you in?"

In a way, our admittance seems to have been a move to placate, to shut us up. "There, you're allowed in, so now will you be quiet."

And unfortunately, all too often we have been. The committee responsible for the women's centennial has definitely remained silent on all but the most trivial of "women's issues." They have sponsored big band dances, poetry readings, and events of that ilk. Admittedly, they have also sponsored several interesting speakers — Daly, Barbara Ehrenreich, a forum of women.

Next weekend, a theme weekend — "Women and Success" — will be held.

Theme for WHAT?

There doesn't seem to be a lot to cry success about at McGill. We have permission to study here but have few opportunities to do anything beyond that. Where are the female professors, heads of departments or, god forbid, administrative officials?

This may sound like the typical women's subjugation story but women do not hold the high ranking positions at this university. February 22's *Le Devoir* article *le Conseil des Universités Reproche à McGill de ne pas assez s'intégrer à la communauté québécoise francophone* which critiqued McGill on practically all fronts, included one interesting statistic. The percentage of women professors has decreased from 18.9 per cent in 1981 to 18.1 per cent in 1984. This is not a remarkable decrease, but any drop at all is significant; one would presume the numbers could only increase.

Many women find it impossible to return to university once they have children. Daycare at McGill is virtually non-existent and waiting lists are long. An entire sector of interested intelligent women is effectively prevented from participating in the university system.

The president of McGill Students Society will be a panelist in the Women and Success seminar, yet MSS seems unable to take a strong stance on the topic of sexual harassment.

I do not believe the Women's Centennial Committee should espouse my principles of feminism, in fact, that would be the last thing I want. What would be more acceptable would be a practical approach to the women's centennial — beginning campaigns to address such issues as lack of female professors, daycare, sexual harassment. One hundred years ago the men let us in to learn. Yes, we should celebrate that fact but also make sure we are not always at the lower end of every totem pole in this university.

Leela MadhavaRau

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On academic monarchy

In secretly over-ruling the Department of Economics, Dean Maxwell has violated the spirit, if not the letter, of Canada and Québec's immigration laws.

He also does an economic injustice to all Canadians, and an academic injustice to McGill.

It is absurd to suggest no Canadian is qualified to fill the position of junior economist in a period of high unemployment. If this were true, every dollar spent on higher education in Canada would have been utterly wasted.

It is not true. But serious wastage is a reality.

In an effort to paste money over cracks in the department, new positions were created. These measures fail to address the root of the problem — the administration's disregard for democratic departmental jurisdiction in hiring, promotion and firing, as well as external review.

Thus the administration's awkward interventions continue, while the Maxwells of the University compliment each other on how much they have progressed since 1880.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) still holds McGill's Administration at fault for a number of past cases. The names Weldon, Assimakopulos, Noumoff,

Mandel, Dixon, Vallancourt, Wallerstein, and Ehrensaft haunt the Administration from near or far. Yet instead of recognizing its past errors, the Administration employs the dictatorial power of trusteeship, while enforcing secrecy under the name of 'collegiality'.

Maxwell vainly hopes for a reknowned senior economist to waltz in and lead the crippled department out of its doldrums. It is, in fact, the ugliness of his own actions which keep serious candidates away.

Students are the losers. A hiring decision, rushed for political reasons, turns sour. Prospective Canadians are ignored. Students receive a sub-standard education. The Administration wastes our limited human and financial resources.

Maxwell attempts to shift responsibility for the decision to Brecher, the Québec officials point to the McGill Administration, and the Administration ignores the problem and sits on its crumbling reputation.

There is increasingly little to be proud of. As one federal immigration official explained, "it may not be working at McGill, but it's working across Canada."

Brendan Weston

HYDE PARK

John Moyneux, a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Britain, and author of several books on marxism, will be giving a talk at McGill this Wednesday from 13h-14h00 in room 310 of the Students Union Building on "What is the Real Marxist Tradition?"

Today in Canada, many people do feel threatened by the escalating arms race, are appalled at the famines and poverty in the Third World, oppose the U.S. intervention in Nicaragua, and generally support struggles against exploitation and oppression.

However, most people are

not convinced of the central idea in Marxism that it is the world's working class that has the potential power to change this situation.

Some argue that workers in relatively rich countries like Canada are too complacent to act as a force for change, and that middle class values are now overwhelming. Others believe that the divisions between men and women, rather than the classes, are more important. Many see the suppression of workers in Russia and other "communist" countries as proof that Marx's ideas can't work. And left-wing academics often use Marxist ideas as an abstract

tool of analysis unconnected to the struggles of real people.

John Moyneux will attempt to draw out the real Marxist tradition as a practical guide to working class self-emancipation, whether in Canada, the U.S., Russia, China, South Africa, Cuba or wherever. He will be highlighting the lessons of major working class upheavals, from Russia in 1917 to France, Québec, Portugal, Chile in the late 1960's and 1970's, through to Poland in 1980 and the present British coal miners strike.

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...lesbian and gay reform religious traditions

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openly gay or lesbian candidates. The report was eventually tabled, but not before much acrimonious debate. The message to the Church's lesbians and gays was clear, though — stay celibate.

Reverend Eilbert Frerichs is the openly gay United Church chaplain at the University of Toronto. He is also a spokesperson for AFFIRM, the United Church group for lesbians and gays.

Frerichs says it is a lot to ask gays and lesbians, especially if they want to be ministers, to remain celibate when it is not expected of their heterosexual counterparts.

"In the Christian tradition, celibacy is seen as a special vocation, as a gift from God, given to some, not all," he says. "It's not something that can be imposed."

AFFIRM operates as a support and lobby group. Prior to last August's general council meeting in Morden, Manitoba, AFFIRM members gathered in Winnipeg to plan strategies for the meeting.

One problem lesbian and gay religious groups have is the less than full participation of lesbians.

Dignity's Knight says his group is predominantly male because "it's very hard to convince women that the Catholic Church is a place for them. Many lesbians feel that the Church is totally irrelevant."

Lorraine Butchart agrees, adding "most women who have come out have already grown out of the church."

"Lesbianism tends to be more spiritual in nature," Butchart says. "Gay men have the bars and clubs as their social outlets and it's a fact of life that there is more casual sex among the men."

"I think the men search for their spiritual needs in the

Church because their spiritual needs aren't being met in their social outlets," she says.

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nipeg, lesbian and gay Christians are shaping heterosexual religious traditions into something relevant to their lives and experiences.

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Flora woos student leaders

OTTAWA (CUP) — Flora MacDonald is wooing Canada's national student lobby group.

After steady badgering by opposition MPs to meet with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the employment and immigration minister finally invited representatives into her office February 11.

The friendly get-together, which excluded reporters, took place five days after MacDonald unveiled the Tories' new student summer job creation programme called Challenge '85.

Critics say the \$205 million programme has come too late, places too much emphasis on the private sector and too little on community-based projects.

They charge that the minister has simply dreamed up the projected number of jobs — 95,000 in all — to magically ward off criticisms and comparisons with last year's creation of 86,000 student jobs by the Liberal government.

In her spacious Parliament Hill office, MacDonald attempted to soothe the federation's fears by assuring the student lobbyists she would personally guarantee the 95,000 jobs. She did not guarantee anything else.

The minister told CFS representatives to stop being so skeptical about the private sector, which she has challenged to create an additional 10,000 openings. She said the lobbyists should take a leading role in emphasizing the programme's benefits for young people like themselves.

"The Tories are going to run the programme regardless of its flaws. We went into the meeting knowing that and wanted to make it easiest on students before it hits the streets," says CFS chair Beth Olley, who put on her best dress to see the minister.

"Our strength lies in our ability to get her to guarantee the jobs and that is something."

Olley is not disappointed with the meeting's results, pointing out the minister has promised to meet with the federation again soon.

And Olley says she did get "assurances" from the minister that students who default on loans from the \$30 million student venture capital portion of the programme will not be

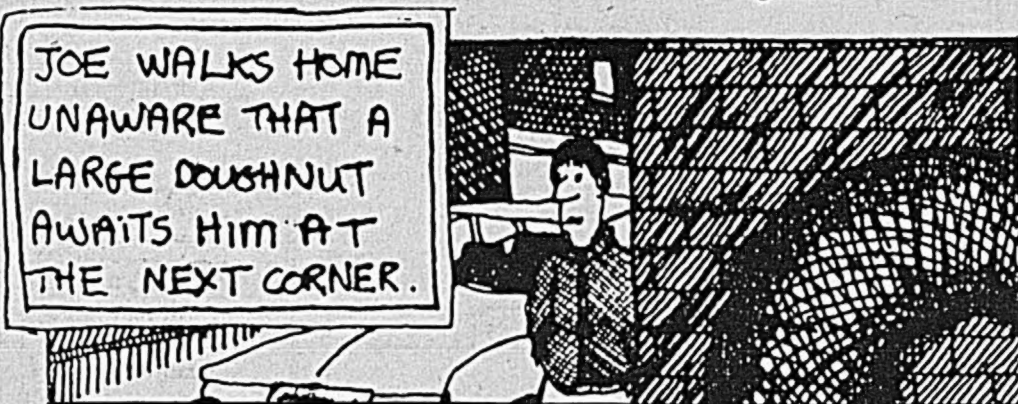
restricted from applying for student aid. The penalty is used in Ontario, where a similar young capitalists' scheme has been running for 12 years.

Ironically, MacDonald has also given "assurances" to the House of Commons that eight major corporations, the heads of which she met with recently, will secure the extra 10,000 jobs. The promise followed an *Ottawa Citizen* article quoting four of the executives as saying they cannot guarantee their share.

Olley says she mentioned the article in the meeting and MacDonald waved it aside with a quick comeback.

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JOE WALKS HOME
UNAWARE THAT A
LARGE DOUGHNUT
AWAITS HIM AT
THE NEXT CORNER.



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Trent turns down racist money

PETERBOROUGH (CUP) — A storm of protest by Trent University students has prompted the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to delay its plans for an instant teller machine May 4, when exams end and the security risk on campus dies down.

Physical plant worker George Ross said the bank's decision was based on fear stemming from students' protests, angry letters denouncing its involvement in South Africa and a seemingly unrelated bomb threat.

The university's student council organised a march on a CIBC branch in Peterborough October 26, in which 35 Trent students and community members demanded a statement from the manager to the effect that a machine would not be installed.

An earlier letter sent to bank officials accused the CIBC of extending loans to South Africa and contributing to the apartheid régime's racist policies

against Blacks. South Africa virtually denies all freedoms to its Black citizens.

In a separate incident, an

Cheaters forced to go public

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto students who cheat on exams may face expulsion, a permanent bad mark on their transcripts and public notoriety if changes to the university's code of behavior are approved this summer.

"This is not an attempt to get at students," said architecture dean Peter Wright, one of the professors who drafted the plan. "(The changes are) a fine tuning of a very small element."

Wright said the code will contain a more uniform set of standards for judging offenders and prevent unnecessary delays in decisions.

The recommendations were drawn up by a group of professors who thought the

threats to the security of Canada" and has no law enforcement power.

Speaking to the House of Commons justice and legal affairs committee last May, Ted Finn, who has since become CSIS director, said those who want to be spies must be 21 years or older, interested in a public sector career, and have a university degree or equivalent.

"The individual ought to have an ability to communicate well verbally and in writing... and have a continuing interest in national and international affairs," Finn told the committee.

Finn said applicants also needed "a great sensitivity to the whole issue of political advocacy and dissent, and the ability to function effectively as a member of a group," in order to be able to effectively infiltrate organisations.

Lesbians or gay men need not apply. The RCMP does not hire gays, its commissioner Roger Simmonds told the committee last year, because "there are few members of any police organisation that are comfor-

table at this moment in our history with people of that persuasion in our midst."

Finn said the CSIS would not refuse to hire gays, *per se*, but he told the committee "I suspect that sexual orientation, in the same way as debt loads or other kinds of behavioural factors, would be one factor in determining the overall suitability for employment of an individual..."

Graduates with unorthodox views also won't get jobs with the CSIS.

The House of Commons committee voted down an amendment to the bill which would have eliminated discrimination in hiring spies based on sexual or political preference. At that time, Conservative MP John Fraser (Vancouver South) asked: "How can you ask us not to discriminate on the basis of political belief when the purpose of these employees is to defend the constitution of Canada?"

Finn told the *Globe and Mail* recently that CSIS was organising a campus recruiting network. A Montréal CSIS employee said she had not heard of the recruitment campaign, but said "If you want to get a head-start on it I'll give you the address."

Norm Bright, who works for NDP MP Svend Robinson (Burnaby) said "the ambition of CSIS is to get rid of the police mentality. They want people with more liberal attitudes who can understand nuances."

CSIS is also probably recruiting campus informants, Bright said.

The MacDonald Commission on RCMP law-breaking, which eventually led to the creation of the CSIS, documented a major network of campus informants set up by the RCMP in the 1960's, against the will of the government at that time. Testimony at the House committee implied CSIS plans a similar network.

A source who once worked as a civilian spy in Canada said the RCMP wants university graduates. "They have to start by using mounted police for continuity, but this force is not going to be dominated by the RCMP."

"They will be recruiting through the universities 'an business world,' the source said.

The source said John Starns, formerly RCMP commissioner, told him CSIS already has 4,000 applications on file.

The receptionist said the number of employees at CSIS is classified information, but "there's certainly less people than there were before because of the change-over."

Lesbians and gay men search for place in Christianity

by Gilbert Bouchard
and Danielle Comeau
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tracing the roots of its traditionally sexist and homophobic interpretation.

"Because the Bible has been used by some people to condemn us for what we are," says Bidwell, "we have been forced to do in-depth study of the scripture, their context and their meaning at the time they were written before we try to apply them."

Bidwell says the book "Homosexuality, Social Tolerance and Christianity" by Yale scholar John Boswell is a good text on the evolution of biblical homophobia.

"Boswell went through how homosexuality was viewed since before Christ to the 13th century," Bidwell says. "You can see the bias of the period, how words were assigned meanings and how translation evolved."

"For example, the word 'homosexual' in the Bible was translated from the Greek word meaning spineless, gutless or soft. Later, that word was interpreted to mean effeminate and eventually homosexual," says Bidwell.

"In other cases, there is an outright condemnation of some behaviour that even homosexuals will condemn — homosexual gang rape, for example. Homosexuality was not Sodom's only sin," says Bidwell.

Bidwell also points out that lesbianism is virtually ignored in the Bible because "society was so male dominated at the time it was written."

"People will go to the Bible to reaffirm their beliefs and will read what they want to read," says Bidwell. "It seems that some people can only feel positive by attacking something else."

"I don't see how this is an acceptance of Christ's acceptance of all oppressed people," says Bidwell.

"Christ was a political rebel. If Christ came and saw what was being done to lesbians and gays, he would be the first to jump right in. If Christ were sitting in this room he wouldn't go, 'Do you do this or do you do that?' He would ask, 'What is your relationship to that person like? Are you helping that person's spirit? Are you helping them be loving and caring? Do you value and love that person? Do you have power over that person?'"

Bidwell says Christians are missing Christ's message when they oppress lesbians and gays, and have a moral responsibility to speak out against their persecution.

"We tend to get so hung-up with who's putting what where, when we should be much more at arms about abusive people," he says.

The MCC is not the only church lesbians and gays are flocking to in their search for a non-oppressive worship environment. Many are seeking out religious organisations which are more humanist than Christian such as the Unitarian Universalists.

It is said of the Unitarians that anything goes in their loosely struc-

ture church because they have no dogma. The church is open to anyone including atheists, agnostics, and gays and lesbians. Unitarians have long supported gay rights, have ordained gay ministers and perform gay marriages.

Lorraine Butchart is an Unitarian church member in Edmonton, and an organiser for a local gay and lesbian Unitarian chapter. She says such a group is important to increase lesbian and gay visibility within the church.

"In spite of the fact that Unitarian Universalists are very liberal, there is still individuals who are homophobic," she says. "Also, a lot of gays and lesbians are attracted to the church because they've heard we are open to gays, so we needed a visible presence in the church — both to overcome the homophobia and to welcome first time visitors."

Butchart says a motion passed a national Unitarian conference in Banff last year affirmed "homosexuals as worthy individuals, discouraged prejudice against gay ministers, and encouraged the ordinance of gay union services."

"We also decided at this conference to form a national organisation for lesbian and gay concerns," Butchart says. The Canadian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns is much more like one in the U.S., which has existed since 1971.

Butchart says the group will be organising workshops and study services to increase general awareness within the church.

But the struggle for gay spirituality does not end with special gay ministries and liberal churches. Many lesbian and gay Christians do not want to give up their religions and are taking the battle for acceptance into the pews and cathedrals of mainstream churches. Gay Anglicans, Catholics and United Church members have organised support groups which challenge their churches prevailing homophobic theology.

Philip Knight says lesbians and gays should not all joining liberal churches or gay ministries because that "leaves the mainline denominations unchallenged."

Knight, a spokesperson for a national gay Catholic group called Dignity, wants to reform his church from within. He says the lesbians and gays must have a presence in their churches.

Knight says one of Dignity's goals is to "educate the church at all levels on homosexual issues."

"The psychological cruelty of the church is lessening, perhaps because groups like Dignity are educating the clergy," he says.

Knight is upset by the Catholic church's hypocritical acceptance of lesbians and gays while rejecting their lifestyle.

"They say you can be a homosexual in our church, have a homosexual orientation, but that you can't practice. That's like saying it's okay to be a bird but you can't fly."

The issue of sexual activity is a pressing one for lesbian and gay Christians. There is much pressure put on them by their churches, if they must be gay, to at least remain chaste. This somehow makes their gayness easier to accept.

Last August, the United Church general council debated a report which called for the ordination of

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It was a nice day for a white wedding.

The minister, resplendent in his red and purple frock, stood solemnly in the chapel's sanctuary as the organist played the traditional wedding march. Fidgeting guests peered anxiously down the aisle as the white-clad bride gracefully slid by them, joining her nervously sweating mate before the minister.

Everything was just right: the fifty carefully chosen guests, the tasteful flower arrangements, and the joyous organ music. In fact, one hardly noticed the only thing missing was the groom. The two women, dressed in identical white suits, exchanged rings, kissed and were pronounced married before their weeping friends and relatives.

Events such as this lesbian wedding in Winnipeg are becoming more common as lesbians and gay men assert their right to participate in mainstream religious institutions.

Lesbians and gay men are not only gathering together and forming their own fellowships and patronizing more liberal churches, they are even trying to educate and gain a foothold in established Christian churches.

Revered Charles Bidwell says turning away from religion is no solution. "Everybody is religious," says Bidwell, an Edmonton-area minister for the Metropolitan Community Church, a non-denominational church which serves lesbians and gays exclusively.

Bidwell says the need for spirituality is still there, but many lesbians and gays have knuckled under heterosexual bullying and opted for dropping out of religion. That is changing, though, as increasing numbers of them set out to reclaim the spirituality homophobics have tried to deny them.

"Gays and lesbians have gifts to offer the Christian church," says Bidwell. "One gift is our growing understanding of the importance of embodying the spirit, reuniting the body and soul, and exploring the role of sexuality and sexual expression within a spiritual context."

How many churches really get down to talking sexual intimacy as a loving commitment to two people," says Bidwell. "They've lost the sense of celebration of sexual joining. Sexuality is a gift from God and we should celebrate it. Too many people are willing to do it in the dark and under the sheets and hope God doesn't see."

The MCC has chapters in most major North American cities and offers a home to God's wandering gay flock.

"We say that we offer a home for Christian worship, study and fellowship for anyone who feels alienated or rejected from their home church for whatever reason."

"We have been drawn together by a special need to find affirmation and support," he says. "This makes us a close, caring community."

A typical MCC service includes hymns, Bible readings, prayers and holy communion. "We try to incorporate things from all Christian traditions."

One stumbling block for Christian lesbians and gays is the Bible, whose interpretation, by straight men, has been used to condemn and persecute them. Bidwell says lesbians and gays are trying to reclaim the Bible by

...inside romania: smashing a country's cultural mosaic

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Oradea is situated between the mountains of Transylvania and present day Hungary. Before World War I, Oradea was an Hungarian town. Today, as it has been throughout this century, Oradea is predominately Hungarian. It is a Hungarian city with Hungarian culture. Surrounding the old city are housing developments in which live the Romanian population the government

Switzerland, Romania is made up of a many ethnic minorities; the Hungarian minority in Romania is the largest ethnic minority in Europe, numbering some 2.5 million. Besides Hungarians, there are large numbers of Germans, and Serbs. Historically, there were many Gypsies and Jews, but most either died in WW2, or have emigrated since.

Romania's government is run almost exclusively by Romanian nationals; its

strong Romanian areas, and moving large numbers of Romanians to ethnic areas in order to create, artificially, a completely Romanian state.

Unlike Romania, neighbouring Hungary has been going through an economic boom associated with a turn to a relatively lax régime; Hungarians are able to travel to Romania in order to visit friends and relatives. Hungarians in Romania, however, must go through enormous difficulties to obtain passports.

Because he, his friends, and his family had many connections on the other side of the border, Kertesz's house became a meeting place for relatives and friends' relatives from Hungary and other nations — Kertesz and his friends became an informal information service for foreigners looking for Hungarian friends and relatives scattered throughout Romania by the government.

It is a crime in Romania, though, to harbour foreigners. Kertesz and his family were guilty of this crime, but as Kertesz says "they have laws for everything in Romania, but they don't mean anything... it all depends of whether the police want to enforce them." Unknown to them, the Securitate — the Romanian Political Police — were keeping a close surveillance on their home.

In early 1982, three of Kertesz's childhood friends, Géza Szöcs, a renowned poet, Attila Ara Kovács, a philosopher, and Károly Toth, a biologist, began producing 'Ellenpontok' (Counterpoint), an underground newspaper devoted to the betterment of the Hungarian situation in Romania.

The ninth and last issue of Ellenpontok (September 1982) contained a 'Memorandum' addressed "to the participants of the Madrid Conference examining adherence to the Helsinki Agreements" in which Szöcs, Kovács and Toth outlined the problems faced by Hungarians and other nationalities in Romania, including a moderate program for reform.

The importance, and popularity of Ellenpontok was such that the Securitate undertook a country-wide search for the newspaper's origin. When the ringleaders were finally caught on the morning of November 7, 1982, the lowest member of the Securitate involved, Kertesz remembers, was a captain. The outcome of the arrests, he says, had political repercussions up to the highest Eastern Bloc authorities.

When the Securitate raided Kertesz's home, they were carrying through a well-organised operation which, Kertesz found later, included the simultaneous raiding of his house, a friend's, and those of the three ringleaders — Szöcs, Kovács, and Toth. After a thorough search in which the police found absolutely no incriminating evidence, Kertesz and his family were taken to the Securitate headquarters. In accordance with Romanian law, the police showed Kertesz a search warrant, or rather, they flashed one before his eyes but gave him no chance to read the contents.

Kertesz and his family were taken to

police headquarters where they were locked in a single room where he remained, Kertesz estimates, for around twelve hours before being allowed to see a police officer. Kertesz referred to this as the "first stage of torture." He remembers the time he spent in the room watching the members of his family being taken away for questioning, one by one. He had no idea where they were being taken or what was being done to them. Nor did he know if the police had captured the other producers of the newspaper.

The police were acting in flagrant violation of the Romanian constitution



which steadfastly promises the right of freedom of speech and expression. Technically, he and his friends had done nothing wrong. Besides, they had removed any material evidence so successfully the police had no case against them. In Romania, however, things do not work by the book. That night, Kertesz was promised a ten year jail sentence without, he knew at the time any semblance of a legal trial.

Because the police were acting in an illegal manner, they were not infallible. Kertesz's brother, Attila Kertesz, was appearing in a play the very evening the houses were raided. The police, anxious not to cause any major civil disruption, agreed to take Attila to the theatre. Once at the theatre, Attila insisted on the release of his ailing mother. He issued the police an ultimatum: if his mother was not immediately released, he would deliver a speech to the theatregoers and destroy the Securitate's carefully orchestrated cover of secrecy. Kertesz's mother was returned home around midnight and not arrested again.

Others were not so lucky.

Kertesz recalled the story of how Toth, a meek, bespectacled intellectual, was severely beaten by the Securitate agents. Because he presented himself as defenseless, the men could not bring themselves to deliver blows to his body. The police left Toth's room. Later they ran into the room, one by one, screaming insults at Toth. Returning to the adjoining room, they imagined and what they thought Toth would have said or done in retaliation.

The purpose of this peculiar exercise is to work each agent into a frenzy, so they won't hesitate to beat their victims.

Then, the men handcuffed Toth to a water pipe, turned off the lights so they would not see Toth's physical weakness and proceeded to beat him unconscious.

Within a week of the arrests, Free Europe Radio broadcast the Ninth Edition of Ellenpontok, and the names of the men involved. Subsequently, 71 prominent Hungarian figures — actors, athletes, intellectuals, and the like — petitioned the Hungarian government



has transported to that region as part of a systematic, though covert, long term operation to Romanize the Hungarian people.

Romania is about the same size geographically as Switzerland, and like

policies are aimed at creating a Romanian state despite the fact that there is far from any ethnic homogeneity in Romania itself. The government closely monitors the movement of people, sending members of ethnic minorities to

aid the Hungarian nationals in Romania.

The stormy meeting between Gyorgy Aczel, the First-Vice Secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Worker's Party, and Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu, which followed, caused a rift between Hungary and Romania. The situation precipitated an informal meeting in the Crimea with then Soviet Boss Yuri Andropov.

In order to obtain Preferred Nation status, which entitles it to trading advantages with the rest of the world, Romania has signed various human rights agreements, including the Helsinki Accords. Despite Romania's flagrant

went to Romania to clarify the problems that had been brewing, especially in connection with rights of the Hungarian minority.

A week after the Senate Committee visited Romania, Kertesz's brother and philosopher Attila Ara Kovács were expelled from the country. They were told they had to be out of Romania by 8:00 am on the 28th of May. The two had been trying unsuccessfully for four years to leave the country.

At this time Kertesz was watched 24 hours a day by the Securitate. "Several times I observed them," he says. "One time we identified ten different (police)

Kertesz's colleagues was constantly being summoned to find out what Kertesz was doing. That's how the system works, and there's nothing anybody can do about it. If you don't tell on your friends, someone will inform on you for not informing — you are an instant accomplice if you don't inform on your friends. In schools, children are given exercises in spying. "You can't speak in your house or with you family," Kertesz exclaimed.

Kertesz's brother and the biologist beat the system by being expelled — good news at the time. Yet, to the Romanian people, the entire episode is a

pelled, Kertesz received a pardon from the Romanian government, probably because his application for Canadian Citizenship had already been accepted. "Once I had citizenship, I was untouchable," Kertesz said, recalling the inflated view Eastern Europeans have of Canadian diplomatic power.

The day he was given his citizenship papers, the Securitate told Kertesz about the enormous problems he and his friends were making for the Political Police. Kertesz believes he was released, in part, because his case was becoming too hard for the Securitate to handle. They then fined him half a year's wages for housing a foreign person — in this case a Spanish Cultural Attaché to Budapest who Kertesz had taken to see Géza Szöcs.

Once he applied to leave Romania, the papers were processed in a speedy four months (it normally takes five years or so) and by June, 1984, he was ready to leave Romania.

Kertesz and his wife left Oradea with Károly Toth, his wife and their six month old daughter. At the border, they were practically thrown off the train and all their clothes and possessions were confiscated by the state, supposedly as payment for the money spent on their education.

Kertesz and his wife were allowed two days to leave Hungary. They arrived in Canada within days of leaving Romania.

Although he is happy to be in a country where he does not feel there is always someone watching him, he expresses a deep concern for those he left back home in Romania and those in exile in Hungary.

The philosopher, Attila Kovács, now

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violation of all its signed promises, Kertesz says, the Preferred Nation status is the only vehicle through which foreign nations check on human and minority rights in Romania.

In May of 1983, one such foreign mission — a U.S. Senate Committee —

cars." On top of constant surveillance, "I was at the police station every night and released at 6:00 am the following morning... I didn't once miss a day of work."

Romanian society works on a strict system of spying on one's peers. One of

bit peculiar. Why are they free at all? In any other case, they would have disappeared entirely. Just the fact that they were let go, Kertesz believes, was an indication to most people that they had collaborated with the police.

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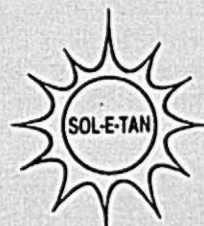
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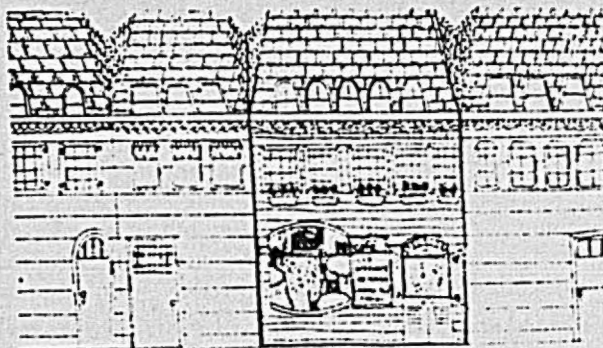
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EVENTS

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MONDAY

Women's Union Co-ordinating Committee meeting at 16h00, Union room 423.
International Meditation Institute — presents "Why Meditation? — It's full and practical application" in the Union Building room 425 at 20h00.

Coping with Herpes — Small support groups are being formed at a local community clinic for people with genital herpes. The purpose of these groups is to provide information about the disease and to discuss personal problems related to having it. There is no cost for this service. Interested individuals can contact Lydia McLarnon at 842-4972.

NDP St. Jacques — will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 19h30 in the La Grande room of the Holiday Inn-Place Dupuis, 1415 St. Hubert. Special guest speaker Svend Robinson, MP from Burnaby, BC will speak on problems of unemployment and how to solve it. For more info, call Charles Primeau at 845-8709.

Judaism and Christianity — Free Will vs Original Sin at 19h00 at Hillel, 3460 Stanley. \$1.50 per person.

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Peter C. Newman — "Facing the Future in Post-Trudeau Canada," Leacock 26, 20h00. Admission \$1.00. Sponsored by the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society.

Medicine in Developing Areas — "Rural Health Workers," an International development research centre production. 13h00, McIntyre Medical Building, 3655 Drummond, J.C. Meakins Amphitheatre. Also, "Health and Population in Developing Areas" with speakers Dr. W.F. Hiltchfield, Director of McGill International, Dr. C.W.L. Jeanes, Chief, Health and Population Sector of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Dr. J. Harrington, Head, population division, CIDA. 20h00, McIntyre Medical Building, Charles F. Martin Amphitheatre.

WEDNESDAY

Medicine in Developing Areas — "Bethune," and NFB production at 13h00 in the McIntyre Medical Building, J.C. Meakins Amphitheatre.

Poetry reading — "Hejira" featuring "New Works," Hillel, 3460 Stanley 20h00 no charge.

Symposium on Moral and Political Philosophy — Prof. Charles Taylor of McGill on "Justice after Virtue," 13h30 Leacock 232; Prof. Joshua Cohen of MIT on "Locke, Property and Politics," at

15h00 in Leacock 232 and Prof. James Tully of McGill on "Locke and the Politics of Governing" at 17h00 Leacock 232.

Geri's — A rare chance to hear Celtic sounds of RARE AIR at 21h00. Free admission.



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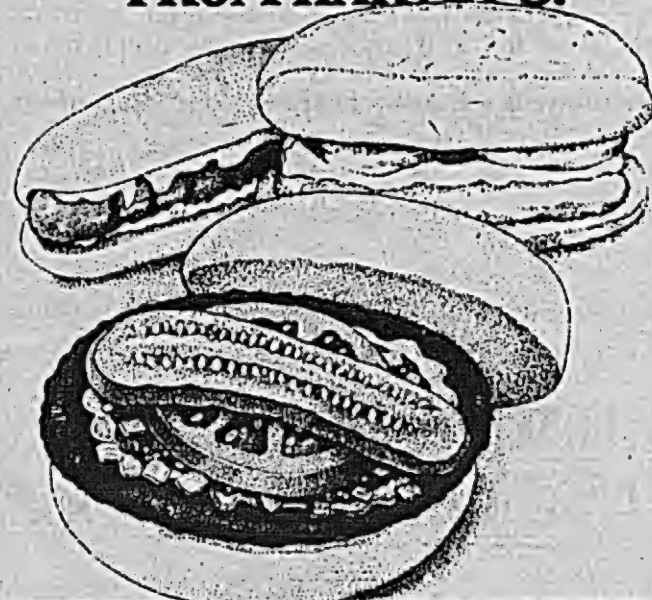
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...inside romania: smashing a mosaic

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in Budapest, must go to the police station every month to extend his Hungarian visa. Szöcs, the poet, lives in near isolation, without a job, among people suspicious of the group's curious pardon. Szöcs' telephone is carefully monitored by the Romanians, who are careful to see that he receives no long distance calls.

"The most alarming problem," Kertesz says the Hungarian population in Rumanian faces is the government's destruction of Hungarian education. In a few years, he says, Hungarians will no longer be able to get an education in their own language. As an example, Kertesz pointed to his own high school which, though strong in academics, was turned into a technical school. Because it was the last remaining Hungarian high school in the area, the chances of a Hungarian getting a university education in his or her own language are negligible.

In this manner, Kertesz fears, the Hungarian culture in Romania will be wiped out in a few generations. In the past, parents were asked if they would like their children to at-

tend Romanian or Hungarian schools. Refusing to attend a Romanian school, Kertesz says, is asking for trouble in a country where people have disappeared for singing Hungarian folk songs. At present, there are no longer any Hungarian kindergartens. Children are forcibly 'Romanized' at a young age; they lose touch with their Hungarian roots while remaining apart from Romanian society which is deeply suspicious of Hungarian nationals.

Rumania's violation of minority rights has been recognized internationally by the press, the European Community, the U.S. and others.

On March 22, 1983, a resolution before the U.S. House of Representatives requested that the House deplore Romanian violation of minority rights.

The resolution was never passed. Kertesz firmly believes it was brushed under the carpet because of Romania's agreement to join the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, in a show of what appeared to be Eastern Bloc independence.

But, says Kertesz, "if the Soviets did not want Romania to go to the Olympics, Romania would not have gone to the

Olympics." The whole pretense of independence, Kertesz says, was carefully orchestrated by the Eastern Bloc.

Romania's violation of international agreements extends far beyond the suppression of Hungarian culture.

An August, 1984 Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly report, "on the situation of minorities in Romania" specifically points to, and con-

demns the situation:

"The Romanian state pretends to form a single nation and the administrative structure of the country pretends also to be based on economic and social criteria, not on ethnic characteristics. In practice, this principle is abused by the government as a weapon against national minorities... Today, the situation in Romania is described together with that of

Czechoslovakia as the worst two in Eastern Europe from a human rights point of view...

"In no country of Eastern Europe is emigration such an acute problem: endeavours to secure a passport have become a mass phenomenon. This desire of mass exodus of the people is to be seen as an act of despair, a bid for freedom, in the teeth of the disastrous situation in which the country finds itself, in the grip of an economic crisis on an unprecedented scale, as well as a political and moral crisis."

...Blassergate tapes

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The Audio Visual Technical supervisor of McGill's Instructional Communications Centre (ICC) Claude LaLonde was asked by the faculty to testify that the silent gaps in the tapes were accidental.

His statement read: "The tape was partially erased on one side; this was due to an operator error during the actual recording. She accidentally depressed the sync-record button..."

However, another employee at ICC contacted by the *Daily* said it was technically impossible to determine if the tape was

erased deliberately or accidentally.

Now, over two years later, Blasser has again requested access to the tapes. She wants to enhance the sections previously erased. Enhancing is a technical method used to bring back a section of a tape that has previously been erased.

The faculty now claims they cannot find them. "We don't have them. We have no idea

who has them. You have to ask somebody else," said Brenda Jefferson, secretary to the Dean.

According to Secretary of Senate Sheila Sheldon-Colyer, the Dentistry Faculty was responsible for the tapes.

Blasser said she thinks the faculty is afraid of incriminating themselves with the evidence on the tapes.

...trent resists racist money

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placed. The building was evacuated and temporarily closed. No one claimed responsibility.

Bank officials, who repeatedly say that the bank has not made loans to South Africa

since 1975, have asked for a more secure location in the building. The university turned the request down.

Thomas Haig, student council international commissioner, said he is uncertain if the council plans further action. He says the matter must still be discussed, though the council's "interest in educating students is on-going."

The current council may not be able to take any action, he said, because its term ends before the machine will be installed.

In Saskatoon, meanwhile, University of Saskatchewan students plan to mount similar opposition to the installation of a Royal Bank instant teller machine on their campus.

The council plans to encourage students to boycott the bank and will register its protest with the board of directors responsible for the decision.

The council of U of S recently decided to end all association with companies involved in South Africa and plans to hold a campus-wide referendum on the issue in March.

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LOCATION OF POLLS

ADVANCE POLLS:

Tuesday, March 5th, 1985 10:00am-4pm

- 1) Bishop Mountain Hall (4:00-7:00pm)
- 2) Royal Victoria College (11:00am-2:30pm)
- 3) Bronfman
- 4) Burnside Hall
- 5) Education
- 6) Leacock
- 7) McConnell Engineering
- 8) Thompson House (4:00-7:00pm)
- 9) Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry
- 10) Union
- 11) Currie Gym
- 12) Dental Clinic (11:00-2:30)

REGULAR POLLS:

Wednesday, March 6th, 1985 10:00am-4:00pm

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| 1) Arts | 7) McIntyre |
| 2) Bronfman | 8) Redpath Library |
| 3) Burnside | 9) Stewart Biology (South Block) |
| 4) Chancellor Day Hall | 10) Strathcona Music |
| 5) Leacock | 11) Union |
| 6) McConnell Engineering | 12) Wilson Hall |

Students who have not voted at the advance polls on March 5, 1985 may vote at the regular polls on March 6. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to vote without a McGill I.D. card.

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"Positive Vibrations" — a Cultural Show; 8:00 p.m. at Westmount High School 4350 St. Catherine St. W. \$5 in advance, \$6 at door. Info 366-4482/289-9037

...flora woos

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"She said don't believe everything you read."

Olley laughs and says the federation will be watching MacDonald closely as the minister's aides are likely to watch the student movement in the upcoming months.

...chomsky talks on language and politics

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West Point Military Academy cadets, along with the fact that their library did not even have the books, I was dismissed as a "troublemaker" and "wimpy Canadian."

Critics dispute Chomsky's assertion that an American "state ruling class" consciously directs a policy of murder and torture abroad to further their own economic ends. However, Chomsky does limit the autonomy of this "centralized elite" to a certain extent. For example, in *Language and Responsibility* he says, referring to state capitalist intellectuals, "they have been brainwashed and controlled by their own ideological commitments."

Perhaps Chomsky is thinking of the well-established psychological principle that someone who continues to publicly express an argument that s/he originally believes to be false may actually come to believe this argument. He also points out all institutions shape the interest of those who work for them.

More to the point, his critics rarely address his thesis that policies devised and carried out by the "rich and powerful" in the U.S. are the source of much of the evil abroad. After all, someone makes the decisions to support "friendly fascist murderers" in the Third World and to overthrow reformist or revolutionary populist or nationalist elements that threaten their economic interests, all in the name of 'freedom and democracy'.

A quick glance at the U.S. State Department's White Paper on Central America,

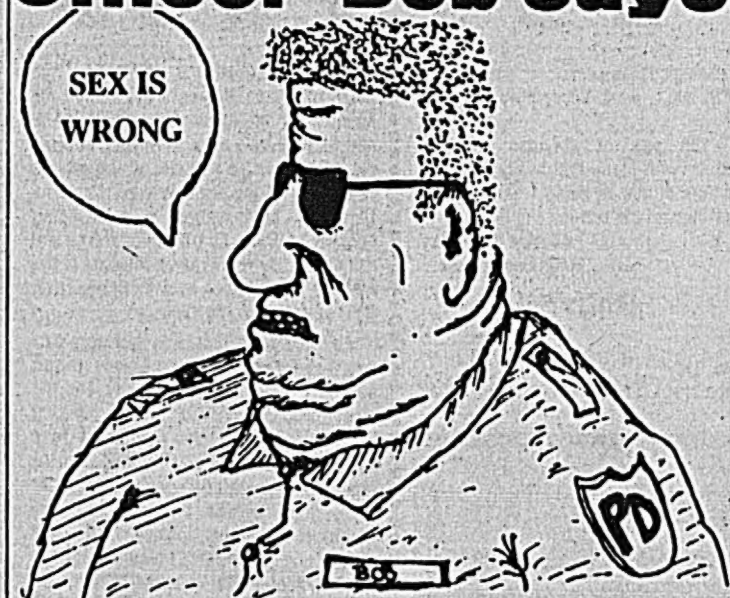
reveals so many lies that it would embarrass even the most dedicated state propagandist.

When all else fails, Chomsky's critics debunk some non-existent propositions. Most common is the accusation that Chomsky condones anti-semitism. They point to

At the level of practical politics, Chomsky frequently confers with political activists. Last February 13, Chomsky did just that with twenty or so left-wing activists at Concordia University.

Chomsky said political activism is important because

Officer Bob says:



the fact that Chomsky wrote an introduction to Robert Faurisson's book which denies the existence of the holocaust.

In fact, Chomsky states in the introduction that he has not even read the book, and that his introduction is a defense of the unequivocal right to freedom of speech, no matter how distasteful the views expressed may be.

"the power elites want an orderly, obedient, and apathetic society, and activities ought to be directed against this. If Reagan faces no demonstrations when he visits Québec City, he will take that as support for his policies." (Protest buses leave

on March 17 from 1601 DeLorimier for only \$12 return. Meet at 09h00).

Chomsky went on to denounce current U.S. foreign policy, claiming the overwhelming majority of Americans oppose Reagan's policies.

He said, referring to the recent Reagan victory, "there was no landslide, no election, no policy vote. Only 53 per cent of the people voted, only 60 per cent of these voted for Reagan, and most of these in turn voted for the guy on T.V., not the issues.

Anyhow, the real issue of the election was the issue of the state ruling class — a choice between Mondale, the candidate of the financial bankers, and Reagan, who will continue the Keynesian methods of stimulating the economy by military spending. The latter won, as businessmen know that only military spending can stimulate the economy."

Chomsky predicted "the U.S. will maintain its current policy in Central America, if the Reagan administration is smart enough.

"They want to accomplish two things in Nicaragua. First, they want to push Nicaragua into the Soviet orbit, so that they can become a threat and then terrorize them. Second, they want to let the more harsh and brutal elements rise to power, just as they did in Cambodia with the Khmer Rouge."

He added "the U.S. is not ready to accept Canadian peacekeeping forces, as they still have to rely on violence. This is why they rejected the Contadora plan after the Sandinistas agreed to it. Only after they demoralize the population and bomb the peasants can you have nice,

U.S.-style elections."

And, says Chomsky, we can all be sure the U.S. commercial media will toe the line. At the end of it all, the media will praise U.S. "democracy" in action.

Chomsky emphasized that "Canada should denounce the U.S. and its fascist clients. Canada can send aid to the Sandinistas to extend their range of options, and it can extend diplomatic ties with the FDR (the political arm of the Salvadoran rebel force the FMLN), the legitimate representatives of the people of El Salvador.

"Even if what the Sandinistas did was terrible," Chomsky concluded, "I'd support them. We have to let people decide to work things out themselves, and I'd even defend sending arms to the Sandinistas and the Salvadorean guerrillas — they are only defending themselves from attack by a superpower. People have a right to do what they want."

Asked about the Green movement, Chomsky told the *Daily* "it could be a very good thing if it can be organized here to have an ecology movement with the foreign policy of the Greens in Germany.

Linguistics linked to Politics

Asked what connection he saw between his linguistics and politics, Chomsky told the *Daily*:

"The link is my view that people have an instinct for freedom. If you regard the right to freedom as the central aspect of human nature, then you can no longer accept slavery, or any other kind of domination, even if the alternative is worse."

...bio. 200 causes terror

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Financial considerations aside, Southin considers multiple choice exams to be a good test of students' skills and problem-solving abilities.

However, many students and some professors think some of Southin's multiple choice questions do not properly test students' knowledge of the material. Students claim his questions are sometimes "too detailed," "strangely worded," or "ambiguous."

But, responds Southin, "in order to ask sophisticated questions, you have to have sophisticated wording."

This immediately puts non-anglophones at a disadvantage even though they are allowed to use dictionaries during exams. Southin admits

non-anglophones are "possibly at a disadvantage."

In addition to his own questions, Southin solicits exam questions from students which results in students vying with one-another to think up difficult questions — questions that many cannot answer. These difficult questions can lower the class average, giving an advantage to those students who initiated them.

One student complains: "Often the questions are garbled, because the students didn't know what they were talking about."

Southin, however, claims to filter the questions given to him. "I choose the ones that I think are reasonable, and which I would have thought of myself."

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To the Daily:

In reference to Chris Armour's February 4 "...Daily Slash" rebuttal to Stuart MacDonald's January 30 "...Daily Slash," I'd like to point out to both writers, as well as to anyone else interested that, unlike what was claimed in both "...Slash"-es, the point at which human life begins is not a personal choice based on an individual's perceptions, nor is there a lack of objective proof that a foetus is a human being before it is able to survive independently outside the womb.

When sperm and egg unite during conception, the resultant fertilized egg contains 46 chromosomes, 23 from each of the unmistakably human parents. Encoded within the thousands of genes contained by each chromosome are various traits (such as bone structure, the types and functions and arrangements of organs and tissues, metabolic enzymes, eye colour, sex height, personal disposition, proneness to heart disease or senility or other such illnesses, facial features, etc.) which will be progressively and overlappingly expressed with time as the egg divides into a vastly increasing number of cells. It is interesting that the traits expressed as time goes on are never those of monkeys, privet hedges, or any other living creature except the human being. This is, of course, logical since the chromosomes contained within each new cell are copies of the original set which was derived from the human parents.

Thus it is illogical to suggest that the point at which human life begins is a personal choice based on an individual's perception because, from conception onward, what we have is human. What's more, because the chromosomes are a

that a foetus unable to survive outside the care of his/her mother's womb is not a human being bestows a non-human-being status on anyone unable to survive without intensive care from someone else, like post-op convalescents, infants,

no journalistic ethics whatsoever. As a campus publication, the *Daily* should remain unbiased when reporting on important events which vastly affect student life at McGill, such as the upcoming MSS elections.

aspect of the upcoming MSS elections.

The *Daily* owes an apology to its readership for this breach of ethics, and students should be forewarned that any future reporting by the *Daily* on the MSS elections will be hopelessly biased in favour of the so-called Alliance.

Al Dwyer
U2 Arts

Response from a Male Daly: Shut Up

To the Daily:

Thanks for your invitation to comment on "Mary Daly: Speaking at the Rotten Institution."

As a writer, with a night off and a certain curiosity about the new woman, you'll forgive my nitpicking with reference to a portion of Leela MadhavaRau's coverage of the Daly event where you say that "she began the question/answer period by stating that for many years she had accepted questions only from women." That wasn't quite what happened.

What happened was that she invited questions "from women" at the end of her lecture; and she stated that for many years she had accepted questions only from women only after a certain male tried to ask her something at one of the microphones. I know, because I was that male, and one of the reasons I approached the microphone was that Mary Daly said in the course of her lecture that women would have to "break the rules" if they were to succeed in their quest and drive for a better existence and status.

What follows "naturally" is that if women are going to break the rules, then men, too, are going to have to break the rules. But the assumption was automatically made that I was the enemy and that my question would be somehow detrimental to the woman's cause. And when I tried to point out that what she (Daly) was doing was in essence self-defeating — "no breaking the rules (?) — 'someone in the audience (a woman) said: 'no sir, we're going to silence you!'"

A little fascist, no? Let's break the rules and silence anybody else who does — no matter what!

Last time round a lot of women got physical and intimidated men; and now many of them are finding that men can still be pretty resistant physically. This time it's what (?) — silencing? Some of us who have admired the women's efforts to save, change and/or better the world might now want to stand back and say: "hey Mary! I hope when you're way up there on top you won't claim papal infallibility!" Shhhh! Don't tell Ronnie. He still believes in arm wrestling and nuclear bombs. What a lot of silence there'll be after all that noise! The women are starting to go nuts, too! God save us all — amen!

For anyone, who's still interested, my very innocuous question to Mary Daly was: "If you had a utopia for women then, what would you expect of the males — assuming there would be males?" And in all fairness to her, she answered my question, down at the podium, after the meeting broke up, after she said: "I don't even find that question interesting." There was a lot of questions that night that she didn't find interesting.

For anyone who's still interested, her answer was: "There wouldn't be any of you," referring to me and males, then after a pause, "well if they were all right and they weren't parasites we'd have a few males around, yes."

I didn't get to ask her about the possibility of "parasites" in the Institution(s), but the way I read her is that what she is saying is that out there in the erratic ever, ever — either, either women can be satisfied, happy and fulfilled without the concept of "a man in your life." Personally, otherwise, and altogether, I think she's terrific!

Bob Moore



mixture of some from each parent (each sperm or egg from a parent has a slightly different selection of the parent's total genes than any other sperm or egg produced by the parent, to keep in mind), the result is a unique genetic combination never seen before, many of the traits expressed in the conceived individual being unique to him/her.

As far as independent survival goes, it does not make sense to imply that a foetus not viable outside the womb is not a human being. He or she has been human since conception, as pointed out. To say

quadruplegics, the comatose, some of the elderly, etc.; what wisdom is there in that?

In this age of abundant medical research, with many facts available about the nature of human beings, let's not approach human life without the truth.

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Ethics?

To the Daily:

Once again, the *Daily* has proven it has

Leela MadhavaRau's article on "The Alliance" (*Daily*, February 11) would have been vitally informative to students if she had acted purely as a journalist. But she didn't. She wrote that one of the groups who founded the Alliance was Uhuru na Ufahamu. MadhavaRau is a founding member of Uhuru na Ufahamu, and so she is immediately rendered an intimate of the Alliance and as such is unfit to report on their activities in the *Daily*.

MadhavaRau's bias was glaringly evident, and her careful omissions raised several questions. Who exactly are the other groups involved in the Alliance besides the three she mentioned (she wrote of a "block of six")? What percentage of the McGill population are represented by the Alliance? And will MadhavaRau use her position on the *Daily* staff to give preferential press coverage to the Alliance, at the expense of other individuals running for the MSS executive?

As one who is cozy with the Alliance, MadhavaRau is unfit to report on any

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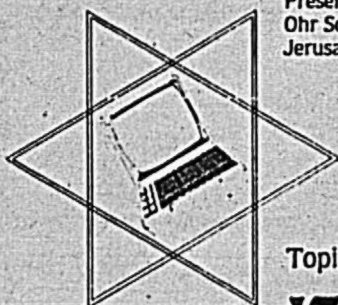
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Redmen thrown out of playoffs with dull thud

by Earl Zukerman

CHICOUTIMI — It's over. The 104th Redmen hockey season that started with a loud bang (six consecutive wins) ended with a dull thud (2-13-1).

The Red and White were eliminated in two consecutive playoff games (6-2, 6-3) by the University of Québec at Chicoutimi (UQAC), ranked second in Canada.

McGill went out with two good efforts that weren't enough to upstart a better hockey team. The games were a lot closer than the scores indicated.

"The difference was that we couldn't convert on our scoring opportunities," noted a glum coach Ken Tyler. McGill out-shot UQAC 37-31 in the 6-2 loss with 18 shots coming from the sticks of Alain Robichaud and Daniel Lamirande (2 goals).

Game two was even closer. McGill overcame poor refereeing and a 3-0 deficit to tie the score early in the final period (Mark Reade, Benoit Lafleur and David Ducharme).

However, a sharp-angled back-hand shot from the faceoff circle eluded goalie Stéphane Fortin mid-way through the final period to give the Inuks a 4-3 lead. Less than a minute later, UQAC scored an

insurance goal and then dealt the death-blow with a few minutes remaining in the Redmen season.

Excuses, there were lots of them. For example, Referee Gagnon penalized the tribe with questionable calls five times in the first period and nine times in the game. McGill was forced to play two men short on two separate occasions in the first stanza.

Although UQAC scored only one power play goal, McGill sputtering offence couldn't get any rhythm going due to the numerous penalty-killing situations. Referee Gagnon was 'out to lunch' on more than a few occasions and even had to consult with the other officials to give out a penalty!

Gagnon, an alleged 'neutral' referee, was not even supposed to work the game since his name was not on an agreed upon list that both teams had submitted prior to the playoffs.

Another excuse was the fact that UQAC was playing with an alleged ineligible player, Paul Gagné, who easily won the league's scoring title. Coach Tyler played both games under protest but McGill's Athletic Department didn't pursue the matter because they felt that the issue wasn't clear enough to warrant a costly in-



The best excuse though, is that the rookie-laden Redmen were beaten by a superior team. UQAC's scoring machine has the top three scorers in the league, four of the top five, and five of the top eight.

There were tears in most eyes of the silent Redmen dressing room. The loss would be the final one endured by three graduating veterans:

Ducharme, Marc Bertrand and Paul Barber, all of whom had worn the McGill crest for the last time.

Captain Ducharme went out in style, scoring what proved to be the team's final goal, their 147th of the season. His four-point weekend performance was enough to capture the team's overall scoring crown (16-29-45) for the second consecutive

season; he leaves with a four-year career total of 59 goals and 87 assists in 131 games.

RED RIBBONS... Robichaud (19-25-44), Lamirande (19-24-33) and Harrison (12-30-42) followed Ducharme in team scoring... Reade was the only Redman to score reach the 20 goal plateau (21)... Bertrand ended his four-year career with a 73 consecutive-game iron man streak.

Defenceman Mike Babcock has been named to the league's First All-Star Team along with UQAC's Gilbert Paiement (brother of McGill's Réal). Forwards honored were UQAC's Gagné and Larouche as well as Concordia's Mark Kosturik.

Only those forwards and Ottawa's Michel Naud scored more league goals than McGill's Robichaud (14)... Staunch Redmen fan Steve Evans, a member of the Blue Door frat, spent part of his study week/vacation at Chicoutimi cheering on the tribe.

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